



# Yavapai County



Our Mission: "Yavapai County will serve and protect its citizens through efficient management of all its resources to enhance the lives of those we serve."

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## **COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment (Regeneron) at YRMC**

Early treatment for COVID-19 infection with Monoclonal Antibody (MAB) Therapy for high-risk patients is available at Dignity Health, Yavapai Regional Medical Center. A Physician Order and Appointment are required. **What are monoclonal antibodies?** Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-made proteins that mimic your immune system's ability to fight off harmful viruses. Casirivimab + Imdevimab (Regeneron) are monoclonal antibodies that are specifically designed to protect against the spike protein of COVID-19. These proteins are designed to stop the virus from entering the human cells. In November 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an Emergency Use Authorization to allow the use of monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19. Further data has been published showing the benefit of reducing hospitalization rates in people at high risk for severe COVID-19 infection. **What are the criteria for COVID MAB therapy?** A positive test result for SARS CoV-2 viral testing (COVID-19) is required and must have mild to moderate symptoms for 10 days or less AND must be at least 18 years of age or older, AND must be at high-risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 infection and/or hospitalization as determined by your physician. **Who cannot receive COVID MAB Therapy?** Anyone still waiting for a COVID-19 test result, anyone who has received a negative COVID-19 test result, people with symptoms for more than 10 days, new or increase oxygen requirement, people without risk factors for severe disease (some examples of risk factors may include age greater than 65, chronic lung or kidney disease, pregnancy, and others. Your doctor can help you determine if you do or don't have risk factors). **How do I schedule an appointment for COVID MAB Therapy?** Call your doctor as soon as possible if you are sick and believe you **qualify**, an order must be sent by your physician to the Infusion Center at Dignity Health, Yavapai Regional Medical Center. A representative from Dignity Health, Yavapai Regional Medical Center will call you to schedule your appointment once the physician order has been received.

**COVID-19 Safety Tips for Thanksgiving:** Help stop the spread of COVID-19! Feeling sick? If you are sick or have symptoms, DO NOT host, or attend a holiday gathering. If you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated. If you are fully vaccinated, get a booster. Please mask up in public indoor settings, physically distance at least 6 feet, frequently wash hands, stay home if sick and get tested if needed. Please visit [azhealth.gov/FindVaccine](https://azhealth.gov/FindVaccine) to locate a provider near you.

**Please Note:** Due to our YCCHS offices being closed November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> we will not have a Facebook update or an update to our COVID-19 dashboard on our website. We will resume on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Yavapai County reports 394 COVID-19 Cases and 5 Deaths since Monday, November 22, 2021.** The county has tested 102,308 residents for COVID-19 in the past 6 months, and there have been **32,013** positive cases and **774** deaths since the beginning of the pandemic. Yavapai Regional Medical Center reports **82** COVID-patients, VVMC reports **26** patients, and the VA reports **6** patients. The County is still experiencing high transmission of COVID-19 with a **21.6%** positivity rate and **407** cases per 100,000 residents for the week ending November 7, 2021. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or what seems to be a bad cold, please get tested for COVID-19 and/or Flu. **ADHS COVID-19 Hotline – (844) 542-8201** (select Option number Eight) – helps in English and Spanish from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, except for major holidays. Information on boosters also is posted at [azdhs.gov/Boosters](https://azdhs.gov/Boosters).